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South Jersey Artists

Our speaker for the September 21 meeting of the Historical Society of Haddonfield will be Mr. Peter Childs, librarian of the Collingswood Public Library. Mr. Childs, a Haddonfield resident and knowledgeable local historian will speak on South Jersey artists of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. All of the artists on whom he will speak and show samples of their work will be included in the joint Historical Society and Markeim Art Center Show scheduled for the Markeim Art Center from October 21 to 27.

In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries there were a number of professional artists who lived or worked in Camden County. Some of them are unknown or not well-remembered today, while others have continued their local reputation. While none of them were considered "major" artists of their day nor are any considered "major" today, many of them were able to make a good living from their art. Paintings by many of these artists are still found in local residences to this day.

Artists to be discussed include Raphael Senseman, Maurice Bower, Emlen McConnell, Adelaide McConnell, Hannah Cutler Groves, Thomas Bancroft, Alfred Hayward and others.

Please join us at Greenfield Hall at 8:00 p.m. for this exciting and informative talk. It will add immensely to your enjoyment of the art show in October.

Authors' Reception: *Lost Haddonfield*

The Society will formally present our latest publication, *Lost Haddonfield*, at an Authors' Reception at Greenfield Hall on Sunday, September 17, 1989, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. All members and friends are invited to join the celebration. On hand will be the book's talented authors, Kathy Tassini and Doug Rauschenberger, to sign copies of their book and to discuss their project. Released this year as part of our Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration, this photo essay is

the result of numerous hours of research and includes almost 200 photographs of scenes no longer visible in our town. The photographs and text focus on the borough's "lost lifestyles", depicting its evolution from an agricultural village to a modern suburban community. An autographed copy of this book is a must for all local historians' libraries, and the Authors' Reception will be the perfect time to obtain your copy.

President's Corner

The summer has been an active time in the development of the Historical Society. It is with pleasure, and many thanks to the Administrative Search Committee of Jim Atkinson and Becky Tarditi, that I would like to announce the hiring of our first employee. The Executive Council of the Historical Society of Haddonfield held a special meeting on Monday, August 7, at which time they voted in favor of hiring Mrs. Deborah Troemner as the part-time Administrator. Debbie comes highly recommended by her colleagues and past work experience. Her most recent position was the Assistant Administrator for the Fairmount Park House Guides, Debbie was also the Volunteer Placement Coordinator for the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She has been the co-ordinator of Philadelphia Open House Tours through Friends of Independence National Historical Park. Debbie is a graduate of Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. She will assume her position with HSH on September 5. Debbie is anxious to start her new job and to meet the many dedicated members of the Society, so please stop in and introduce yourself to Debbie.

The Executive Council gave approval to Gloucester County Historical Society to microfilm our Haddonfield directories. They have received a grant from the New Jersey State Library to microfilm city, county and telephone directories of South Jersey. We will receive a copy of the microfilm of our directories plus the return of the originals.

Sunday, September 17, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. is the Authors' Reception for *Lost Haddonfield*, by Doug Rauschenberger and Kathy Tassini. Mark your calendars for this event as this book promises to be the number one Best Seller in Haddonfield this Fall. Don't forget to fill in the inserted form in this bulletin to order your copy at the pre-publication cost, as this is a limited time offering at this special price.

The Docent Training Course was ably headed by Carolyn Moody with assistance from Pat Lennon, Dianne Snodgrass and Bill Brookover. As an adjunct to their training the new guides went to Peachfields to see other volunteer guides in action. They will begin giving tours of Greenfield Hall in the Fall. The new guides are Nancy Burrough, Dorothy Daly, Barbara Lane and Harriet Monshaw. On behalf of the Society, thank you to all involved in this program and we look forward to tours with all our docents.

Volunteers are always needed and, most importantly, volunteers are appreciated by all. Please, make it a point to come out to support the Society and the hard-working members who have been so innovative and dedicated to the Society's projects. If you care to volunteer on any committee, call the Society to add your name to the list.

Margie Kanupke

Fall Festival Celebration Planned

Circle Saturday, October 21, 1989, on your calendar for it is not only Haddonfield's Fifth Annual Fall Festival, it is also a town celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Historical Society of Haddonfield. Sponsored by the Society for the Haddonfield Activities Committee, Fall Festival activities will give us all a glimpse of our town as it was seventy-five years ago. Photographs of our business district, c. 1914, will be on display. This exhibit is made possible by the Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission through the County Block Grant Program of the New Jersey Historical Commission/Department of State.

Many town organizations are joining the celebration. Actors from the Garrick Society of the Haddonfield Plays and Players will portray several of our town's prominent citizens of 1914, and individuals who were instrumental in forming an historical society in Haddonfield: Julia Gill, James Lane Pennypacker and Samuel Rhoads. You will be able to meet them as they stroll along Kings Highway, or perhaps you will attend the special performance being held in the afternoon in King's Court. The Markeim Art Center (formerly, the Haddonfield Arts and Crafts League) will host a special, free art exhibit co-sponsored by the Historical Society entitled, "A Diamond Jubilee Retrospective: Local Artists of the Early Twentieth Century."

Festivities begin early Saturday with the Lions Club's pancake breakfast and the Eighth Annual Haddonfield Five Miler and Two Mile Fun Run and Walk presented by the Recreation Council. The Haddon Fortnightly's Annual Antique Show will also be open. The Haddonfield Philharmonic and Marching Band Society under the direction of Tom Patton will perform later in the morning. This performance is sponsored by the Haddonfield Business and Professional Association. Bring the family for a special scavenger hunt through the business district. This activity promises to test your knowledge of your hometown as well as your powers of observation!

Remember Fall Festival and help the town celebrate our Anniversary. We will be looking for you on October 21!

Food Harvest Collection

The Haddonfield Food Harvest Committee has asked for our help in their drive to collect food and money for Camden County people in need. The Food Harvest will be run from October 8 to October 22. Harvest Sunday, the day of door-to-door food collection will be on October 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. Again this year, Boy Scout Troop #65 will participate in the door-to-door pick-up on Harvest Sunday. Drop-off locations will be the Acme Market on Ellis Street and the Police Lobby in the Borough Hall. If you care to make a monetary donation, checks are payable to Boy Scout Troop #65. For further information, or to help in this cause contact Mrs. Nancy Hutchinson, 429-2824, Committee Chairperson.

LOST HADDONFIELD

A new book published by the Historical Society of Haddonfield



Haddonfield, like many communities, has gone through many stages in its development. Originally a small Quaker farming village, it exists today as a fully developed residential suburb. In the course of its evolution, many places, buildings and lifestyles have been lost.

Lost Haddonfield, through extensive use of photographs and supporting historical text, brings to the reader a graphic view of the ways in which Haddonfield has changed and insights into the factors which may have contributed to those changes.

Included among the more than two hundred photographs in the book, most of which have not previously been published, are views of farm fields along Warwick Road, the general stores which once dominated Kings Highway, the last blacksmith shop in town, the Moore family mansion which once stood at 150 Kings Highway West, many of the early churches and schools, and the recently demolished American Legion building.

Lost Haddonfield was conceived as a major project of the Historical Society of Haddonfield to mark the Society's seventy-fifth anniversary in October of 1989. The authors, Douglas B. Rauschenberger and Katherine Mansfield Tassini, drew heavily from the collections of the Historical Society in writing this 176-page, soft cover book, which is available through the Historical Society for \$18.00 plus \$2.00 postage. It will also be available in local bookstores.

Pre-publication price for Historical Society members: \$15.00 (plus \$2.00 postage for mail orders) until September 18.

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Parading Down Kings Highway

This summer, as part of our year-long celebration of the Society's Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, our members proudly represented the Society in both the Memorial Day and Fourth of July Parades.

On Memorial Day a group comprised of members and friends, both children and adults, patriotically carried the Civil War era flag from the Society's collection as a tribute to our nation's veterans. At the request of Haddonfield's American Legion, the flag remained displayed during their Memorial Day service which was held immediately following the parade at the Memorial Monuments on the front lawn of Haddonfield Memorial High School. Our president, Margie Kanupke, participated in the ceremony and graciously addressed the assembled group on behalf of the Society. The Legion was most appreciative of our efforts and the Society was honored to be included in the program. Thanks to our flag carriers: Tom Applegate and Jesse, Donna, Nicole and Jesse, Jr. Applegate; Bob Coles; Sarah Earp; Charlesanna Fallstick; Scott and Stephanie Hudson; Margie Kanupke; Myra, Gene, Michael and Rachel Kain; Jim and Pat Lennon; Mickey Mack; Abby Milliner; Helen Peitz; Merritt and Mary Pharo; John, Bunny and Brian Plo-dizyn; Larry Russo; Steve, Dianne, Joe and Carrie Snodgrass; Vivian Stauder; Joanne Tarditi; Kathy, Jim, Carolyn and Kevin Tassini; Mary Trott; Jake Weinberg and Jeannette Woehr.

The Society was a prize winner on the Fourth of July! Our entry won third place in the town organization category. The Tasty Baking Company, which is also celebrating its Seventy-fifth Anniversary this year, generously sent their 1914 delivery truck to lead our costumed group. Thanks to Denny and Richard Traver for leading the procession by carrying the Society's Banner; to our 1914 couple Chris Sullivan and Myra Kain; to our 1920's flapper and escort, Andrea Kurelic and Gene Kain; to our 1930's ladies, Meg Cheney and Jacque Levering; to our 1940's couple, Kathy Tassini and Craig Childs; to our prom duo, Vince McDermott and his daughter, Marlene; to our 1960's team of Pat Lennon and Jeanette Woehr and to the children who wore signs proclaiming "Join to continue the tradition", Sarah Earp, Jamie Matthews and Jessica Graham. A special thank you to three young spectators visiting us from the Midwest who willingly joined the group of marchers. The crowd applauded all the way along the Highway. There was certainly an abundance of Tastykake and Historical Society fans in town on the Fourth.

Art Show

As part of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration, the Historical Society and the Markeim Art Center are collaborating on an art show highlighting paintings from 1890 - 1920, entitled "Diamond Jubilee Hometown Retrospective: Local Artists of the Early Twentieth Century". The show will feature the works of Raphael Senseman, Hannah Cutler Groves, Thomas and Raymond Bancroft, Emlen and Adelaide McConnell, Abraham Lincoln Severns and Maurice Bower.

An opening reception will be held on Friday, October 20, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For further information please contact Myra Kain, 795-0579 or Karen Rockhill, 795-8034.

The show will be open from October 21 to 27. Free catalogs of the exhibit will be available. These catalogs have been made available by a generous grant from Commerce Bank.

Myra Kain

Woman's Committee Report

The Annual Village Fair, June 3rd, was blessed with beautiful weather this year. Our faithful workers did their usual fine jobs, putting forth a great deal of effort and preparation. The luncheon, which requires a lot of planning and work, was delicious as always. Many Woman's Committee members pitched in to help Dot Sherrerd ready and man the Garage Sale—ever a mammoth job. Because volunteers were unavailable, several features had to be dropped this year. Unfortunately, attendance was down this year, perhaps due to competing affairs. As a result the net profit of the Fair was down to \$1373.40. Our thanks to everyone who participated.

Since there have been so few donations and deaccessions for the Auction, October 7th, it has been decided to postpone the Auction until 1990. Unless we have a variety of interesting things to offer it is not feasible to spend advertising money to attract customers. Please search your attic and cupboards for goodies that someone else might enjoy. Call the Society and leave a message or get in touch with Kathryn Febish at 429-5204.

Mary Jane Freedley

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Mr. & Mrs. William Wright	World War II Uniform and Overcoat 1940's Handmade Dress 1950's Dress
Mrs. Joseph Wiederspohn	\$350.00 for repairs to the John Gill, IV, fire bucket

Many thanks are extended for the generous donations which we have received to preserve our collections and to enable the Society to celebrate this anniversary year.

Membership

The Society welcomes the following new members:

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gregory-Allen
Ronald W. Brining
Ted and Sheila Hawkes
Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Labarge, Sr.
Michael R. McMullen